

*For the Parliament sitting at Westminster.*

**B**y one who hath suffered much in joyning with this Parliament in this late warr, for it was said to be for liberty of conscience, whereby I was free to part with much that I then did enjoy, which was to my great losse, but yet I cannot see liberty to the faithful, and to such who be of an upright heart, who preach the Lord Jesus and not themselves, those that are called Quakers in scorn, which hath suffered bonds, death and torture, and all the cruelty that men that call themselves Christians can inflict upon them, and at this present near killing in your streets, for obedience to the pure truth which shines in the consciences of men; for them I bear my testimony, but against the false Prophet and long deceivers of the souls of the people in this Nation and elsewhere, who hath long made it their trade to teach others, and they themselves unlearned and out of the doctrine of Christ, being greedy for gain will kill and persecute; the just is grieved with their idolatrous worship; Oh how idolatry appears at the time called Christmas, the tender hearted sees and feels the sad abominations! Oh the cruelty of those that are called Christians, Ministers in *New-England* and elsewhere, which say they have a Law to uphold them, but their Law will not uphold them, nor the Priests in the day of account, though they beget *Hammon*-like spirits in the hearts of people who would have *Mordecai* to bow before him! Oh the sad and cruel usage of the *New-English* members which they inflicted upon the bodies of those that came in love to visit their souls! I never read nor heard of such before; but it was the desire of the Apostle that he might be delivered from unreasonable men, which signifies there is unreasonable men, but such are not fit to be members in a Christian Church, for these are of the sort which creep into houses leading captive silly women, ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Oh unto you that are in Parliament, who hath hid your selves in obscurity for a long time, and have not been valiant for truth upon earth in this the day of the Lords power, who hath wonderfully made the earth to shake at his presence, and brightnesse of his appearing, who hath caused the lofty Oakes and tall Cedars to bow before the dread of his Majesty, Glory be to his Name for ever; those that are tender hearted amongst you cannot but be sensible of this great work; but yet the heritage of *Jacob* lies waste, and few of you is given up to follow the Lamb, the cry of the oppressed is heard in your streets, but is by few of you laid to heart; verily, now you are called into a great work, which you must appear what you are, the light will make you manifest; therefore hearken to the cry of the oppressed within you, which is willing to follow the Lamb wheresoever he goeth, then you shall know to take off the burthen of the oppressed in others.

Oh remember the time when first you were assembled in Parliament, though your enemies were great, and you but few in number, the work was carried on for you, and the Lords presence went before you to the overturning the Nations, that the day of his power might appear in the earth, as it hath done gloriously to the overturning the powers of darknesse in a great measure, but his day by most of you hath been sleighted; therefore now are you called upon, that you may hearken to the light in the conscience, the Lords messenger, which will cause you to act in righteousness, that so you may be preserved from the enemies within and without you; I as one of the least and lowest that is worthy to bear a Testimony for the unchangeable truth, do exhort you, and this whole Nation to hasten and meet the Lord by speedy repentance, that you may wait in his fear, and be guided by his counsel, that a day of darknesse may not overtake you, but if you do not appear valiant for truth in this day that you are called upon, then the Lord will do his work without you.

*This I have written to clear my conscience to you, and to the Priests as a witnesse against them, that they may no longer deceive the souls of the people, and that they may turn to the Lord and so find mercy; Though Gog and Magog gather themselves in battel against the Saints, their work shall not prosper; Now if you refuse to hear, your bloods will be upon your own heads, and I shall be clear.*

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